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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

THE MID-WINTER MEETINGS

As we were about to write an account of these delightful meetings, d at the Hotel Statler, Cleveland, io, there came to our office in the rrent number of "The Congregaalist" a most comprehensive and minating article by Dr. C. C. Mer, our Promotional Secretary. Inasch as his article covers the imtant features of the meetings and presses the sentiments we enterned as to the character of the etings we are giving that part of article that describes the high aracter of the meetings and the inductory features of the Plan of vance as adopted in the sessions. e are reserving for our Executive mmittee those parts that suggest thod as it expresses the wish of . Merrill that we get definite action to the methods we wish to adopt.

an interesting and inspiring sesn of the superintendents with the icials and editors of "The Congretionalist," we were advised that are welcome to use their material, ving credit for its source. The outok for the future is encouraging spite some decreases in apportionent giving. There is much greater stification for our missionary protion than some of the popular riodicals would have us believe. We vite your perusal of the following ticle by Dr. Merrill and suggest at you watch for the methods when commended by our Conference ard.

DR. MERRILL'S ARTICLE

I have been attending at least fifen of these Mid-Winter meetings and think I have never attended one om which I have gone away with a ronger personal urge for being the st Christian I can be and with a ore distinct feeling of encouragent concerning the worth of my vn participation in our missionary terprise and concerning the prosct for a real movement forward ring the current year.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach of the Philipne Islands, and Dr. Cyril H. Haas Turkey, who were chaplains of the eeting and who spoke at other times ere strong contributors to the spiual influence of the meeting.

Never do I remember a stronger esentation of our missionary work an was made by the Secretaries on ednesday afternoon and evening. It clear that such a presentation, even those who are supposed already to familiar with what the Boards are ing, is of prime importance at a eeting like this. The general feelg was that these executive leaders undantly made their case for a al advance.

Dr. Minton, the secretary of the oreign Missions Board of the Chrisan Church, was another contributing ctor to the total impression of the eeting. He won all hearts by his ndor and his earnestness. This was e largest Congregational group bere whom the proposal for the union tween the Congregational Church d the Christian Church had been esented with some detail, and the pression was evident that unless forseen difficulties arose the union ght to be brought about. In accordce with this impression the followg vote was passed by the Commison on Missions:

After consideration of the question from various angles, the Commission on Missions affirms its earnest hope that the union of the Christian and the Congregational denominations may be consummated, and we believe that the necessary readjustments in the life of the Commission can be made. We believe, however, that much confusion and disappointment will be avoided if there is a clear understanding on certain essential points before the merger is undertaken. We, therefore, await with profound intrest the reports of the fact-finding committees already appointed, upon whom the responsibility of dealing with certain specific problems and their solution has been laid.

The Promotional Council presented its judgment that the time had come for a more significant attempt to create a greater interest in missions in our churches and to advance the work on the field, than had been made since the days of the Congregational World Movement. Accordingly a Plan of Advance was suggested which would first be presented to the State Boards, then to the ministers throughout the country, then to the National Council, and which, it was hoped, would be consummated during the fall months. The Commission spent a large part of an evening in considering this plan and then the next morning, by solemn rising vote, passed the following approval of the plan, and after the vote was taken the Commission was led in prayer by Chairman Oscar E. Maurer:

The Commission on Missions, profoundly moved by the thrilling presentation of the needs and opportunities for which our Congregational churches are distinctly responsible and having heard the challenging plan for advance suggested by the Promotional Council, and believing that the churches are in a mood for this stimulating message, hereby earnestly approves the plan.

Further, recognizing our personal responsibility in thus making this plan our own, both for ourselves and for the states and churches which we represent, we, the members of the Commission, commit ourselves heart and soul to its vigorous prosecution, and call upon all our ministers and churches to join heartily with us in this high endeavor.

A Plan of Advance for Missions Effective in 1929 and Succeeding Years

1. Why an advance?

At root it is a question of loyalty to Christ. As Christians shall we go forward with him?

The test of loyalty lies in response to definite situations.

One situation is the **need of the world.** Do we care that so many individual lives and so much of the life of human society lack nobility because they are influenced so little by Him?

Another situation is the **condition of the Church.** Its existence can only be justified as it constantly grows in the worth and in the extent of its embodiment of Christ. In a time of readjustment and of adverse conditions that are unprecedented in character, our churches must be challenged by a call "for a more heroic practice of the gospel." This phrase from the Christian Message adopted at the Jerusalem Conference of the International Missionary Council, which appears to have been the most significant Christian gathering of recent days, perhaps sums up more than any other the call of that Council to the Church, and suggests the study of specific ways in which that Council asks the Church to engage in this more heroic practice of the gospel of Jesus.

A third situation lies in **our missionary work,** which also must expand or else lose its power. This work exists solely to extend the Kingdom of Christ in individual states, in the whole of America, and in all the world. Shall we compel it further to retreat and diminish or shall we release it for a splendid thrust forward?

2. Accordingly the **aim** of the plan of advance must have at its heart the **development of human personality in loyalty to Christ.**

We want people to come **more fully** under the tremendous dynamic influence of Christian missions as a part of their Christian experience.

We want **more** people in our churches to come under this influence.

We want them to see that Christian missions is a **personal Christlike response to definite human need.**

We want missions to take its rightful place **at the center of the life of every Christian and every church** because only so can the individual Christian and the individual church obtain the breadth of outlook and strength of purpose which are essential to full-grown Christian character and service.

BULLETIN

This communication is an official statement of the policy of "The Congregationalist" and an outline of certain changes which are to be consummated in the near future.

As the newspaper of our churches, "The Congregationalist" is owned and published by the denomination. It has only one purpose—to be of ever-increasing service in advancing the value of each church's activity by carrying to its members each week news of the religious world at large and of the Congregational Churches in particular.

Beginning in January, "The American Missionary" will be consolidated with "The Congregationalist," and the fourth issue of each month will be a combination of both papers—a monthly feature number chiefly devoted to church extension, education and mission activities within our own land.

Attractive magazine features and a wealth of illustrations should add to the general appeal of these monthly numbers. This consolidation will widen the field of "The Congregationalist"—increase its editorial resources and open the door to an improvement which should mean much to our churches and to every reader.

Other improvements are being planned which will further develop the interest and usefulness of other issues.

To place "The Congregationalist" within the reach of every family in our churches, an introductory rate of nine months (39 issues) for $2.00 is being offered for a limited period to new readers.

Church and Sunday school officials will be helped to broaden the scope of their work by becoming regular readers of our national newspaper.

But the appeal of "The Congregationalist" is not confined to church workers alone—every church member is invited to join the widening circle of its readers. Church officials report that their work is greatly aided by an increase of subscriptions among their church members.

With the special introductory rate, thousands will be able to find for themselves, the value of our magazine as a regular weekly visitor in their homes.

ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

Due to the absence of our President, Mrs. Brown, in the east, the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women was postponed from January to February. The meeting of January 17, therefore, was a regular Executive Meeting, with Mrs. Helfer, first vice-president, in the chair.

The usual reports were given with many human touches that make the work at home and abroad live for us. There was Mrs. Caines' story of the Indian woman whose unusual size has made fitting her to clothes well-nigh an impossibility. Her joy at the gift to the mission of a whole bolt of serge, which for once enabled her to have enough, touched both humor and pathos. In another report we were amused, though (knowing Miss Woodberry's charm) not surprised, to learn of the high school principal who, after definitely refusing to allow her to speak in his school, promptly sought her out with a personal invitation to do so, when he had once heard her.

Mrs. Krick gave a lively and amusing account of the joys and sorrows of meeting and despatching missionaries. Miss Perkins reported on a visit recently made to the Rio Grande Institute. Mr. Fifield has met with an accident to one foot, in which two bones were broken, necessitating a plaster cast. Dr. Poeton, also, was carrying on with classes held in his own house, since he was unable to go to the school. The new school building is a fine one and nearly finished. The Institute ranks high among educational institutions of that section.

Mrs. Peck announced the recent death in San Diego of Miss Mary Porter, long a missionary in China, and for these many years a missionary here in the hearts and lives of all who knew her.

Mrs. Peck also told of Miss Clapp, valiantly living on fish and rice as the chief of her diet, in order to get a knowledge of Japanese that could only come from living in a Japanese family. She told of the courageous work of Japanese nurse and white teacher alike, in the Leper Colony, and read a letter from Miss Parsons in which she spoke, among other things, of the very rapid spread of the use of the new alphabet in Turkey.

The deferred Annual Meeting will be held February 12th and 13th.

SPRING MEETINGS

Those Associations which can put their spring meetings within the period April 22nd to May 6, will have an opportunity of having as the main speaker for their programs Rev. James Henry Dickson of our Madura Mission, who has been loaned to this district for that period only. He comes to us highly recommended by the American Board.

FRESNO LOSES—PLYMOUTH GAINS

Out of the many weekly bulletins that come to this office we get real glimpses of the minister in his more intimate relations to his flock. Rarely, if ever, has there come to us a more touching illustration of this as we find in a recent issue of the calendar of Fresno First. This should be shared with our subscribers and with pleasure we publish:

A Concluding Word to Fresno Friends

With the last Sunday in February I shall bring to a close sixteen and one-half years of ministry with this Church. I shall spend one Sunday loafing and on March 10th begin my new pastorate at Plymouth Church, Oakland. This is no occasion for frivolous mirth, nor is it a time for tears. One doesn't laugh at parting, by ever so short a distance, from friends with whom one has sorrowed and rejoiced and worked and played and worshipped, nor at leaving a field blest by the mistakes and successes of the first half of an average lifetime's work. But it will not do to mar with weeping this last month of our association together. The mistakes of the past are none the less mistakes for our lamenting over them; there have been some gains to cheer us; and real friendships abide through all change and separation.

The work to which I am going will engage all my energy. Some good friends have warned me that it is much more difficult than anything I have yet done. If this be true it is a good reason for my undertaking it. I go to my new work with eagerness, cheered by the assurance that you will all be glad of any measure of success and happiness that shall come to me and to Plymouth Church. Our relations with Plymouth have always been cordial. Some of you will remember that thirteen years ago for one whole week Plymouth loaned us her pastor, Rev. Albert W. Palmer. That week of meetings under Mr. Palmer's leadership marked the beginning of better days for our Church. The results still linger.

I am leaving the Church with deep and genuine gratitude for the loyalty you have shown during the years of my ministry. If there is to be any word of chiding it must come not from me but from your own consciences. Together we have doubtless in some measure failed, but we have at least this success to our credit—we have kept the peace. We have sometimes disagreed but we have not quarreled. If there have been factions and wrangling in any department of the church no report of them has reached my ears. In the social order there is a price too great to pay for peace, but within a Christian Church harmony is the pearl of great price for which many lesser values may be sacrificed.

For these sixteen years I have not only been pastor of a church, I have been a citizen of Fresno. This greeting must therefore include all who have been my neighbors. For opportunities to help in the Welfare Department, the Red Cross, the Community Chest, the Church Council and in many other organizations I am deeply grateful. Thanks are due to editors for the generous aid of their columns, to physicians who have kept my family well, to teachers who have led our children from pins and needles to the appreciation of higher values; —but why specify individuals? All Fresno has been to me and my family good beyond words.

In addition to all that the people of the church have done for me I am bold to ask this one further of your loyalty,—that you will choose for my successor the best man whom diligent search can discover; that you will not expect him to be like his predecessor but to be himself and to do his work in his own way; that you will give him your undivided confidence which must in time ripen into deep affection.

Plymouth Church, Oakland, is located at 3805 Piedmont Avenue. I will not encourage you to absent yourselves from your own church but if you must be in the Bay Region on a Sunday there will be pews for you and a welcome at Plymouth. And somewhere in Oakland the latchstring of our home will be out.

THOS. T. GIFFEN.

SANTA CRUZ YIELDS TO SARATOGA

After more than eight years of honored and effective service at Santa Cruz, Dr. Burton M. Palmer resigns to accept the call to Saratoga. He is to begin his new work at once and the Saratoga people are jubilant. There is a delightful sentiment connected with this move in the fact that his father was once the pastor there and left memories that are highly cherished.

This resignation was tendered the Sunday before the annual meeting of the church and at the annual meeting Dr. Palmer summarized some of the achievements of his ministry. The list number over two score items outstanding among them being the following: Additions to the church 369, losses 257 showing a net gain of 112. Benevolence giving more than doubled. Many major improvements have been made on church, parsonage and extensive street work, not to omit the installation of a new pipe organ which is entirely paid for.

We in this office rejoice in the fact that Dr. Palmer is still with this Conference, a little nearer in miles but always at hand in ways of friendliness and service. Saratoga has the reputation of meeting its apportionments and will not lose it with its new minister.

SAN JOSE HONORS THE WAGNERS

About one hundred people gathered about the tables in the Parish House of the San Jose church to say farewell to Dr. and Mrs. (likewise a doctor) Vincent Wagner, who sail on the President McKinley, February 15, for our North China Mission. Dr. Vincent Wagner is of missionary parentage and for years has been preparing himself for this kind of work. At the close of the speeches, in his response he paid a lovely and deserved tribute to his honored father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Wagner of the San Jose church, likewise to Dr. Susan Tallmon Sargent, whose personal life and professional service had been an inspiration to him. Rev. Benjamin Gould, the new pastor, acted as toastmaster and with gracious and gifted speech introduced the musical numbers and three speakers who were to bring their greetings. Superintendent Minchin, voiced the greetings of the American Board and the Northern California Congregational Conference. Mr. Fred Shipp extended the best wishes of the community in a sympathetic and intimate knowledge of the Orient and Rev. Fred W. Morrison, formerly the pastor and friend of Dr. Wagner gave the cordial greetings of the local church with the friendly setting of a fine comradeship. The church presented them with a large and serviceable American flag through one of the young ladies. Representatives of neighboring churches with local friends gave personal words in the reception that followed. It was a memorable night with its new baptism of missionary interest and establishes more permanently the Home Base that is continually supplying the foreign field with workers and funds. Bon voyage to these two workers with their little babe of six months. Our prayers attend them in their journey.

SACRAMENTO—The annual meeting of the Sacramento Church was held Tuesday, January 15. About 200 persons partook of the dinner and enjoyed the fellowship. During the year 1928 a total of 68 new members were received, with 21 removed, making a net gain of 47 and bringing the membership at the present time up to 501. Detailed reports of activities and finances of all of the organizations and departments revealed a healthy condition. A total of $15,405 was disbursed in the parish during the year, besides $4,500 which was applied on the church indebtedness. Plans are under way for a director of young people's activities.

A LENTEN THANK OFFERING

The Commission on Missions authorized two Thank Offerings during 1928-29. The Thanksgiving Offering was taken for new buildings in Africa. The Easter Thank Offering is to be for the Home Work, including the State Conferences.

This offering can be designated for the apportionment or as a special gift, as desired. In the former case it will be divided between the State Conference and the National Societies, according to the percentages already adopted.

The objective of the offering is "A Christian Leadership for a Christian America." America needs to be more completely brought into subjection to the will and plan of Christ, not only for America's sake, but for the world How can we expect to win the world for Christ if America herself is not Christian?

These gifts will help extend and vitalize the work of training these leaders in our colleges and seminaries, in the Summer Conferences, in our Negro schools, among the Mexicans and in Porto Rico, in the frontier Sunday schools and Daily Vacation Bible schools, and in those churches in our scattered communities where the leaders of tomorrow must be found and cultivated. This is our slogan: **Our Gifts For a Christian America in Our Gratitude for the Easter Hope.**

A special Lenten Thank Offering service is being prepared by Secretary Gates. An interpretive message is being written by one of our most beloved pastors. Mite boxes are ready. Write the Conference office for material.

RESTLESSNESS OR SPRING FEVER

Changes and more changes! Last month we reported two changes in pastorates, and give more space to these two again this month.

Now comes word of three more resignations, to take effect this spring. Rev. Robert E. Brown is planning to leave Oakland about the first of June, Rev. Robert J. Currie is closing his work at Redwood City on the same date, and Rev. Hartley H. Wolford will be leaving Sunnyvale the end of June. Two of these changes are in the Santa Clara Association.

PERSONALS

Word comes that Rev. W. E. Eckles, who has been with the Auburn Church for the last couple of months as a stated supply, has been asked to remain with them indefinitely.

Rev. C. D. Milliken is serving the Porterville Church most acceptedly as a stated supply. The Church is hoping he will remain for several months, until they are ready to call a permanent pastor.

The Superintendent is busily engaged in field work this time of year. Churches wishing his services will need to speak a long time ahead, as his date book is already quite full, Sundays being spoken for over a month in advance.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Oramel W. Lucas (nee Harriet A. Hitchcock) entered into rest December 16, 1928, after years of slowly advancing illness, followed toward the end by days of acute suffering. Her early years were spent in her birthplace, Northeast, Pennsylvania. When she was eleven years old her family joined the gold seekers in Colorado but for only a year. Return was made to Pittsfield, Ohio. It is easy for those who knew her rosy cheeks and personal charm to believe the girlhood romance which here began when first she met Mr. Lucas. That romance never faded.

Harriet Hitchcock married Mr Lucas in 1883, as soon as he graduated from Oberlin where both had studied, and together they sought a western mission field. Pendleton, Oregon, was the first of a succession of Pacific Coast churches into which she released her radiant life. This field was followed, after a span of years in each place, by Oregon City, Oregon San Bernardino, Oakland Fourth and Pacific Grove, California. Since 190 the family has lived in Berkeley and Mrs. Lucas has made widening contacts from this center of vantage Shortly after going to Oakland in 189 Mrs. Lucas made her experience and devotion felt in the work of the Home Missionary Union with which she was thereafter connected officially for 3 years, 24 years on the Board of Directors and in all the offices by turn up to president. For years in the hey day of Mt. Hermon's Interdenominational Missionary Conference she was the Congregational representative and for the committee handled the correspondence with national women leaders of many denominations. Mrs Lucas had the vivacity, the wisdom and the love which made irresistible appeal to children. For her to appear leisurely upon the street of her home town was the signal for their gathering. Her facility with story, song and piano was an open sesame to their hearts.

Mrs. Lucas was a beautiful and pervasive influence in her home on the hill where many friends have enjoyed with her the marvelous panorama of mountain and bay, and with her have felt the lure through the Golden Gat of "the land that is fairer than day. Mr. Lucas and her only daughter Ethel are blessed with imperishable memories, some of them shared by parishioners whose love outlives time and distance, and by many friends of later years whose sympathy is outpoured.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, her pastors officiating, Dr O. W. S. McCall and Dr. Miles H Fisher.

SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Tougaloo College celebrates its sixtieth anniversary in May. President Holmes announces that more than $45,000 has now been pledged toward the $100,000 building program. This building program will include a girls dormitory and equipment, a Memorial hospital, a new laundry and practice housekeeping bungalow, and three residences. There is not now a standard college for Negroes in Mississippi nor even a standard public normal school. Yet the state's colored population approaches a million, its colored children of school age number more than 460,000, while its colored teachers are less than 6,000.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

WEST COAST OF MEXICO

Miss Margarita Wright, principal of e school Instituto de Colon, Guadaara, writes as follows in a letter ted January 24th:

"Many thanks for the copy of The Pacific, and that of circular letter. It is good to be in touch with the many activities up there. We certainly like being connected up with Southern California.

"Our girls are now undertaking the project of raising money to make a swimming pool for the school. It all came from their own initiative, and now different groups are working in different ways to raise the money and hope to have it so as to make the pool by the month of May, the hottest time of year here. One group is selling sandwiches at recess time; another is preparing a Fiesta, a committee of the students is to speak at the P. T. A. meeting this next Saturday to enlist the co-operation of the parents, and so on.' '

CONGREGATIONAL BOOK ROOM

The Congregational Book Room is ixious to serve you during the comg year. We have a fine selection of ooks on all subjects and can order ıy that we do not have in stock. We so have a complete line of works ı religious education. These are ome of the books we have received tely, and there are others of equal iterest. Come in and browse around ven if you do not wish to buy.

Motives of Men, by George A. Coe. uthor of "What Ails Our Youth?"

Family Life Today, edited by Mararet E. Rich. Papers presented at a onference in celebration of the fifieth anniversary of Family Social Vork in America ,held at Buffalo, ctober, 1927.

Humanity of God, John Wright uckham.

The New Morality, Durant Drake. hilosophy for the layman.

Catholicism and the American Iind, Winifred Ernest Garison.

The Child's Religion, Pierre Bovet. study of the development of the eligious sentiment.

Transplanted Heather, by James ampbell, D.D. An autobiography of r. Campbell; just published.

The Graphic Bible, Lewis Browne. rom Genesis to Revelation in a seies of animated charts, accompanied y explanatory text.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The regular meeting of the Board f Directors occurred on Tuesday, hurch, 845 South Hope Street, Los ngeles. The following members were resent: Revs. Perry F. Schrock, I. B. Mowbray, S. A. Norton, H. V. Hartshorn, A. S. Donat, J. H. Hutchins, E. D. Gaylord, H. F. Burr, Messrs. Fred M. Wilcox, R. D. Brown, C. E. Spaulding; Mesdames G. H. Schulte, C. E. Richards, Lawrence Wilson, J. H. Lash, E. B. Allen, Margaret Fanton, Frederick Doolittle, Miss Gertrude Reid. Also Rev. George F. Kenngott, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, Rev. Samuel Hitchcock and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham.

The Moderator, Rev. Perry F. Schrock, presided.

Reports were presented by the Extension Secretary, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, Educational Secretary; Rev. Sidney H. Buckham and Superintendent George F. Kenngott.

The Directors unanimously approved the following budget for 1929: 1. Employed officers' salaries and expenses, namely, Rev. George F. Kenngott, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, Miss Dorothy Doyle, Office Secretary, and Miss Dora M. Booty, Superintendent's Secretary—total $15,700.00.

2. Office expenses, including rent, printing, office expenses, bond for Treasurer and auditing books—total $4,539.00. ($900.00 received from Bookroom.)

3. Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Southern California—$800.00.

4. Attending meetings of Board, etc. —$325.00.

5. Reading Circle—$180.00.

6. Taxes on Conference property used by the several churches and missions charged to missionary grants—$1,230.70.

7. Dues, National Council, State Church Federation, So. Calif. Council of Religious Education, U. C. L. A. (Religious Conference) and Sherman Institute—$3,804.40.

8. Annuities—$21.00.

9. Interest on loans—$1,259.00, offset by receipt of interest on loans.

10. Payments to Congregational Church Building Society on loans—$850.00.

11. Missionary grants:

	1929
San Diego Association:	
La Mesa Heights	$ 300.00
San Ysidro	300.00
Seeley	600.00
	$1,200.00
San Bernardino Association:	
Barstow	$ 600.00
Bloomington	240.00
Hemet	300.00
Moreno	180.00
Nuevo and Glen Avon	420.00
San Bernardino Bethel	150.00
Yucaipa	300.00
*Warm Creek School	600.00
	$2,790.00
*($300.00 from Highland Church)	
Kern Association:	
Oildale	$ 300.00
Oil Center	540.00
Tehachapi and Mojave	240.00
Panama	300.00
Shafter	300.00
	$1,680.00
Los Angeles Association:	
Burbank	$ 480.00
Graham	300.00
*Long Beach, Bay Shore	1,000.00
Los Alamitos	300.00
Los Angeles:	
Bethany	600.00
Grace	300.00
North Wilshire	75.00
Norwalk	300.00
Pacoima	300.00
Palms	300.00
Pasadena Turkish Armenian	300.00
Venice	300.00
Westwood	600.00
Lawndale	180.00
Willowbrook	300.00
	$5,635.00
Grand Total for Missionary Grants	$11,305.00

*($500.00 from First Church, Long Beach).

Of the churches aided seventeen are in the country, seven in the villages and ten are in the city.

12. New Work—San Diego	$2,500.00
Los Angeles, No. Wilshire	2,500.00
Santa Monica	2,500.00
	$7,500.00
13. Oriental Work: 5 Japanese churches and 3 missions	$3,054.00
3 Chinese Churches and missions	3,360.00
	$6,204.00
14. Mexican Work	$6,510.00
Grand total, all grants including four associations, new work, Oriental and Mexican work	$31,519.00
15. Ministerial Relief:	
Nineteen persons	$ 2,445.00
Grand total of budget for the year 1929	$62,673.10

Apportionment Committee

Mrs. G. H. Schulte reported for the Apportionment Committee and recommended that the personal gifts for the School of Religion at Berkeley be credited to the local churches as an extra apportionment. Motion carried.

Forward Movement Committee

Mrs. Schulte also reported for the Foundation Fund that they had sought to get Mr. William Worthington, but he informed them that he had accepted work with a College and recommended Mr. E. A. Potter with the Near East Relief. Correspondence with Mr. E. A. Potter revealed the fact that he would not be released until the last of June. Some pledges and cash have been received since the last meeting.

Women's Work

Mrs. Richards reported for the Women's Work Committee and suggested that the Committee had favored using half of the annual Thank Offering that goes to Home Missions for the Forward Movement Fund. Voted that the Directors look kindly on this suggestion.

Avalon: Dr. Kenngott reported that the Avalon Church had invited the Ministers there for the usual Retreat at Easter and the Board voted to accept the invitation, and authorized Dr. Kenngoot to collect such funds as may be necessary to insure financial success and large attendance.

VOTED: That the next meeting shall be of the Executive Committee, February 12th, at 10 a. m.

NEW WORK FOR THE JAPANESE OPENING UP IN THE SANTA MARIA DISTRICT

(By Paul B. Waterhouse)

The Need

Fully one-half of the total population of the town of Guadalupe is Japanese. It is a strong Buddhist center and the four or five Christians who live there are afraid to take a positive stand. No Christian work is being done for the 500 Japanese in Guadalupe and it would be very hard to start work there because of the Buddhist opposition.

Only ten miles away, however, is another Japanese community at Santa Maria where there are six Christian families who have become the nucleus for our new work. Mr. Kuramoto and his wife, with the help of some American friends, have started a little Sunday school, using the Japanese Hall for a meeting place. The Sunday school was started in October and now has an enrollment of over thirty. With the help of Paul Waterhouse, special evangelistic meetings were held in Santa Maria, Guadalupe and Arroyo Grande, which have created considerable interest in this work.

Buddhist Opposition

Hardly one month after our Sunday school was started, the Buddhists opened up a "Sunday school' 'at Guadalupe. They bribed the children with candy and ice cream cones. They visited the homes of Buddhist parents and warned them against the baleful influence of the Christian Sunday school and urged that they send their children to the Buddhist Sunday school. They very quickly secured an enrollment of 150, and succeeded in winning away one-third of the children from our school. In addition to this, they began pulling political wires, and secured a vote against the use of the Japanese Hall for the Christian Sunday school.

Santa Maria American Pastors Help

Through the help of Rev. Mr. Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the other pastors in Santa Maria, a petition has been presented to the School Board requesting permission to use the new public school building, located in the center of the Japanese community, for the Sunday school services. If the School Board grants this request, the Buddhists wil lbe thwarted in their attempt to kill the Christian school, by kicking them out of the Japanese Hall, and our work will be given the prestige of the backing of the American community.

Looking For a Japanese Leader

The little group of Japanese Christians in Santa Maria are doing the best they can, struggling against heavy odds. They are in great need of a full time Japanese leader who can organize the work in that whole district from Lompoc to San Luis Obispo, with a Japanese population of over 2,500 people. The Methodists and the Presbyterians are ready to join with us in this work, just as soon as the right man can be found. We believe in the future development and success of this new work.

ON TEACHING RELIGION

Sidney H. Buckham

One of the perquisites of good teaching is the ability to inspire as well as to give facts. Under an inspiring teacher the most hum-drum finger exercises on the piano, or the dullest tables in arithmetic are made vital because of their relation to an all-absorbing purpose. There is a theory of education in which the first step of the teaching process is to capture the child's interest in some project, and then encourage the necessary accompanying knowledge, to be acquired as contributory to the main purpose. Factual knowledge, and certain ordinary mechanical activities are made interesting and desirable to the learner because of their bearing upon a central purpose. The child wants to play groceryman, but he must learn to add in order to keep his accounts.

If the principle of inspiration through a single purpose applies in secular subjects, it does more so in religious education where the intellect feeds the emotion, and the emotion fires the will. You can force, or coax, or bribe a child to learn his tables in arithmetic, and if the result is a poor grasp of the subject, he will get through life somehow without this knowledge. Much of our education, secular and religious, is done in this way, beginning with factual knowledge, uninspired by a vital purpose. Only yesterday a child came home with an assignment to write three stanzas of poetry because the teacher wanted to have an exhibit of poems to show to visitors! The learning of the books of the Bible, or the Beatitudes, or the journeys of Paul may be carried out in this manner also, but with only partial results upon the character of the pupil. A course in civics plays an important part in preparation for good citizenship, but a moment's sight of Old Glory floating in the breeze, while the band plays the national anthem, will add the necessary emotion to an otherwise intellectual experience.

The ability to teach religion so that it warms the heart and stirs the will lies in the continual tying up of the factual knowledge of religion to a high purpose, by means of an emotional appeal. In Christianity this high purpose is the will of God, as expressed through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Opportunities for inspiration present themselves frequently in the teaching of any subject from manual training to higher mathematics, but to ignore this supreme opportunity in teaching religion is to sacrifice its vitality. It is the

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ability to capitalize such high points in teaching that distinguish the teacher from the pedagogue. I knew a professor who thrilled and inspired his students by his interpretations of Plato's dialogue on Friendship. How much more could he have done with the Sermon on the Mount! This is exactly the function of a sermon, and good preachers make the same contribution to religious education as do inspiring teachers. They direct the attention of the learner beyond the mere facts to the actual purpose, and in so doing they bring into play the emotions as a legitimate part of the religious experience.—(Clipping from "The Friend," Honolulu, Dec., 1927.)

RIPPLES NEAR AND FAR

The Primary Department of the Sunday school of Pasadena First Church recently received a unique Christmas gift when seventy pairs of shiny red chopsticks arrived from Foochow. The children of the Union Kindergarten Training School had for some years received gifts from America, and now on their own initiative they brought their tiny "cash" and asked to be allowed to send something to their American friends.

Rev. L. J. Christian writes that not in the eighteen years he has been in Foochow hast here been such an open door for evangelistic work. Miss Martha Wiley is quoted as saying that village work has not been so promising for years; and Miss Bertha Allen says that schools are running smoothly, with no opposition from outside. Apparently China already feels the influence of mission-trained officials and other leaders.

Late in January two representatives of our Southern California Woman's Board made a most rewarding trip to Imperial Valley. At Calipatria they learned that every Protestant family except one was connected with our community church. At Seely there was rejoicing over some recent conversions. The popularity of the young people's Friday evenings at the church had thinned out the pool-room, and obliged the town dance hall to choose another evening for its operation.

Miss Aileen Parsons and Miss Harriet Barnard are evidently putting forth a brave effort to make bricks without straw at our Mazatlan school. With other difficult conditions, they have nine girls sleeping in a room with only one window. The Mission already has a beautiful site on the bluff overlooking the sea, and the West Coast of Mexico Committee is gathering funds for a building. An encouraging response is coming in from Thank Offerings and other sources.

Many of our Southern California churches are engaged upon their annual six weeks' course of Mission Study, majoring on Africa.

Miss Madelyn Chen, one of our U. K. T. S. graduates, now studying at Evanston, Ill., writes of a cosmopolitan students house party in Racine, Wis., during the holidays. Among the thirty guests were Chinese, Japanese, Indians, Filipinos and Americans. They had discussions, group plays and "many funs." College papers might do well to copy.

Among the visitors present at the Woman's Board meeting in Los Angeles, January 29, were Miss Bertha P. Reed of Peking, Mrs. Roberts of the Oregon Board, Mrs. Franklin Warner of the A. B. C. F. M., and Dr. Geo. F. Kenngott, who reported the Midwinter Conference at Cleveland.

NEWS NOTES

Church Annual Meetings—For obvious reasons the names of some of the churches reporting cannot be published. Their names will be given on inquiry by writing to the A. Ed. with self-addressed envelope.

Exhibit "A"—"New basketball field prepared and equipped at a cost of $1,000. Children can play all night because of electric flood lights. All bills paid for current expenses, including ball-field. Church debt reduced. Money in the treasury—nothing paid on Apportionment. Christianity begins at home. No religion to export."

Exhibit "B"—"Application voted enthusiastically and with great unanimity for usual missionary grant ('flu' interfered with our Canvass, but not with any other church). We are a 'peculiar people.' Every Member Canvass stopped automatically at same point as last year. 'Less amount" will not suffice next year. Church discouraged. Pastor more so. Worse next year." If not "flu," what will we have?

Exhibit "C"—"Church Treasurer expects to send Conference Treasurer $23.57 about last of February, to be credited on last year's Apportionment. Why not? Can't you do that much for us? We had to use that money last year for the pastor's salary. Happily, he is gone now and we are catching up."

Exhibit "D"—"Pastor resigns. The church owes him $175 back salary and $125 for other bills, including gas. Votes to hire 'supply' for six months at $10 a Sunday in order to catch up on bills and save money." How long will it take us to catch up? A copy of Harry Lauder's popular song, "I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" for the best answer.

Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse was nearly arrested for blocking the Ridge Road by slowing down to five miles an hour. The sign read "Five miles an hour on curves," instead of fifteen. He hopes some of his generous friends will buy him a hydroplane for trips to the Imperial and San Joaquin valleys.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham began his services as Educational Secretary auspiciously by spending his first ten days at a certain church. Shortly after he left, the pastor resigned and the church closed up. In the words of the Rev. John R. Lyons, "Strength to your arms, Sidney."

Dedicated to "The Pacific." (Ide take notice)—

"THE CHEERFUL CHERUB"
Be kind to all dumb animals
And give small birds a crumb;
Be kind to human beings, too—
They're sometimes pretty dumb.
(Especially the Editors.)

Rev. John R. Lyons of Claremont says, "Youth must be served." Alright, go ahead, John. Set'm all up to ice cream, sodas and Lovers' Delights at the next Young People's Conference.

Avalon Retreat—Seventeenth Annual, Monday-Friday, April 1st-5th. Train leaves P. E. station, Sixth and Main streets, Los Angeles, 9 a. m.; steamer leaves Wilmington 10 a. m. Returning, leaves Avalon 3:30 p. m. Round-trip fare, Los Angeles-Wilmington, 35c; Wilmington-Avalon, $1—total $1.35 for special rates. Free lodging at Avalon. Free transportation from their homes to Avalon and return for pastors receiving missionary aid, or whose salaries are less than $1,800. All pastors are urged to come. "Each for all and all for each." Send suggestions for program at once.

Burbank — The Congregational Church expects to begin in the near future the erection of the first unit of its church buildings with Mr. Harry L. Pierce of the Wright and Callender Building, Los Angeles, architect.

Rev. J. W. MacCallum, formerly pastor of Hyde Park Church, had to go to a hospital recently for treatment. He has returned to his home slightly improved.

Rev. Henry K. Booth, pastor for twenty years of the First Congregational Church of Long Beach, has been ill for several weeks, but is making a good recovery.

Rev. and Mrs. George T. Simons, Manhattan Beach, are rejoicing in the arrival of a son, born December 4th, at the Seaside Hospital, Long Beach. Congratulations!

Pacoima—Rev. H. H. Wagner resigned the pastorate of this church January 1st. It is looking for a first-class resident pastor who will take the church as it is without insisting in the beginning on much of a salary!

Santa Barbara—Rev. Paul A. Davies, pastor, has received insurance of about $35,000. It is not yet determined whether to re-build on the old site or to sell and build elsewhere.

Oil Center and Oildale—Rev. A. K. Gleason, pastor. Many of the oil wells have shut down and the workers have moved away. The oil companies contribute $45 a month for the work at Oil Center where Mr. Gleason resides and gives partial service, looking after the Sunday school. He gives the major portion of his time to Oildale. The price of gasoline has gone down, but the cost of living for the ministers in the San Joaquin Valley remains high.

Comity Arrangements—A one-time secretary spelled it "Comedy" and she was not discharged.

Yucaipa—The apples and cider improve with age. There was little left of the latter for the invited guests at the meeting of the Association here a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner, both members of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, world travellers in behalf of Missions, will make their home in Pilgrim Place, Claremont, until April 1st, and are available for missionary addresses. They have some fine moving pictures. Address them directly.

Mrs. Clarence F. Swift, widow of Dr. Swift, for many years pastor in Fall River, Mass., will be available during the month of March for lecture recitals, which are appropriate for church or club, or for any evening entertainment, especially of a religious or artistic nature. For inquiries and arrangements regarding these lecture-recitals, please address Mrs. Swift, 436 Palo Alto Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

Rev. Philip K. Swartz, son of President Swartz of the Pacific School of Religion, is spending his honeymoon at Saticoy. He came all the way from Salonika for the purpose. Incidentally, he and his bride, who also came from Salonika, are enjoying their pastorate at Saticoy, the beautiful.

Tehachapi and Mojave—Rev. J. T. Munton, pastor, began his ministerial career as a Salvation Army Captain, then developed into a Methodist minister and with his eyes opened, or at least open, became a Congregational minister. He has built a fine new church at Tehachapi, repaired the parsonage; persuaded, or at least agreed to, the organization of a Congregational Church at Mojave in place of the former Methodist Church: has improved the property at Mojave (it needed it); has voluntarily reduced the missionary grant from $25 to $2 a month and at the same time i creased his salary. Oh, for some mo Muntons!

Increase of Salary — A certai Church, name not given, in a burst enthusiasm voted to increase the pa tor's salary from $600 to $900 a yea The devoted pastor, much overcom by the generous and spontaneo vote, not to be out-done in generosit said to the assembled member "Brethren, please don't do it. It is a I can do to collect the $600." In t last analysis, every minister has raise and collect his own salary.

Rev. Roy H. Campbell, pastor of t First Congregational Church, Sa Diego, has written several interestin and refreshing articles for "The Co gregationalist." It needs such articl alright. If only the Rev. H. C. Id would write some such articles f "The Pacific," we pledge ourselves read them. We read his article "The Congregationalist" on "T South Sea Islands" with appreciatio and are glad the cannibals did n get him. We wonder why "The Co gregationalist" has not had anythin from Rev. Roy Campbell recentl For other articles we suggest "T Boulder Dam." What is it? What it for? And what will it do to Sa Diego, and Tia Juana? Agua Calient near San Diego, is a beautiful plac Same questions regarding it.

Chlorinator, Pomona College—Wh would the Young People's Conferen do without the swimming pool Claremont? We know, but will n tell. They will doubtless follow the bent. Meanwhile, all friends, regar less of age, etc. ,should run to t support of their country and contri ute for the Chlorinator (see Dictio ary). If you cannot find the wo there, notify :The Pacific." Plea send funds, especially designated, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, Conferen Treasurer.

The Pacoima Congregational Chur desires to buy second-hand seats pews. Communicate with Mrs. Vict P. Johnson, R. A, Box 252, Pacoim California.

Rev. James H. Lash writes, "On recent Sunday, Dr. Obed S. Johns of Berkeley spoke in the Hollywo Church on Sunday morning, on 'Chin the Sleeping Giant Awake.' Dr. Joh son has a message and is able to g it across in fine shape."

Rev. H. B. Mowbray, pastor of t Frst Congregational Church, Sa Bernardino, since 1914, has resigne to the deep regret of the church a the whole community, which M Mowbray has served so generous for fifteen years. He plans to spe a year in study in travel and th to return to the pastorate.

Miss Dorothy Doyle, the office se retary, says: 'The Congregational fice and Book Room open at 8:30 m. and close at 5 p.m.—Come earl not too early, and avoid the rush; st late, not too late, and enjoy the boo and scenery.

"See that the **Church Reports** a sent in at once, complete in all pa ticulars, and do not count all of t women, especially the Ladies' Aid, the 'Absentee' column.'

Rev. H. C. Ide of Redlands, in t Sunkist-Orange and Beekist-Hon Belt, says, "for substance of doctri 'The Pacific' is stupid. It lacks p and kick. I know because I never re it." When the December number w shown him, after reading the "Perso als' 'on page 3, he admitted that showed improvement, but insist that the first two pages were no goo

(Managing Editor—Please take no and get after him.) If this person item does not bring a libel suit, or least a rejoinder, then A. Ed. miss his guess.